12-24-65
W Post

Trumpeter Is Making Dramatic Comeback

THE TRUMPETER SWAN, of which there were fewer than 100 in the United States in the early 1930s, has reached a population of 1000.

This dramatic comeback, declares Interior Secretary Udall, is a heartening indication that other endangered species might be saved from extinction.

A recent aerial survey discovered 780 trumpeters in Wyoming, Montana and Idaho, an increase of 16 over last year. In addition there are 106 in other National Wildlife Refuges, plus 78 in 37 zoos and parks in the U.S., Nova Scotia and West Berlin.

The trumpeter, native only to North America, is the largest waterfowl in the world. It weighs up to 30 pounds, and has a wingspread of more than seven feet.